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SUBJECT: UNESCO 97TH EXBD: ITEMS 4.1.1 AND 3.1

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1. DEPT IS ENCOURAGED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EL-WAKIL'S INITIATIVE IN AMENDING HIS MAY 9 STATEMENT TO ADD FINAL SENTENCE "NOTHING WOULD IMPEDE ISRAEL TO ADHERE TO A CONVENTION WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" AND WAKIL'S APPARENT CONFIRMATION THAT HE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN MEETING OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS (OCTOBER 13-17) IN HELSINKI TO CONSIDER CONVENTION ON EUROPEAN STATE DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY.

2. WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE BEGINNING OF SERIES OF INITIATIVES WHICH WILL LEAD TO DE FACTO PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL IN UNESCO'S EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP ACTIVITIES. EVEN THOUGH FORMAL APPROVAL OF ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP IN THIS GROUP WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO AWAIT 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN FALL 1976, INTERIM STEPS ENABLING ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO'S EUROPEAN REGION ACTIVITIES SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS IN U.S.

3. REQUEST PERMDEL, IN APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS, TO SUPPORT ABOVE INITIATIVE AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL IN CURRENT SITUATION AND SEEK VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS BEST DESIGNED TO COUNTER GC ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTIONS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE WEST EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF EXBD TO COME UP WITH PROPOSALS FURTHER SIMILAR POSITIVE INITIATIVES FOR ASSOCIATING ISRAEL WITH EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP ACTIVITIES. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON WHEN AND HOW BEST TO APPROACH SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EE MEMBERS EUROPEAN GROUP. ALSO REQUEST STATUS REPORT ASAP ON CONCRETE MEASURES WHICH SECRETARIAT WILL TAKE TO INVITE ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS AT HELSINKI, OCTOBER 13-17.

4. DEPT CONCURS WITH STRATEGY AS OUTLINED REFTEL FOR REMAINING SESSIONS EXBD MEETING.

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5. THIS AND REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO EUROPEAN AND ARAB MEMBERS OF UNESCO EXBD FOR BACKGROUND AND INFO PURPOSES AT THIS STAGE. MORE COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTING POSTS DISCUSS UNESCO SITUATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL BE SENT LATER.

6. FOR EE POSTS: CURRENT UNESCO EXBD SESSION (MAY 5-22) IN PARIS IS FIRST MAJOR UNESCO MEETING SINCE GC RESOLU-

TIONS WERE PASSED IN NOVEMBER 1974 EXCLUDING ISRAEL
FROM UNESCO'S EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP AND SANCTIONING
ISRAEL BECAUSE OF HER ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AND OTHER
ACTIONS IN ARAB SECTORS IN JERUSALEM. THESE RESOLUTIONS

LED TO ACTION IN U.S. CONGRESS CUTTING
OFF U. S. FUNDS FOR UNESCO (CASE AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974). WE ARE NOW SEEKING COOPERATION
OF KEY MEMBER STATES IN EFFORT TO REDRESS SITUATION SO
AS TO REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF ISRAEL AND
ULTIMATELY TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF FULL U. S. PARTICIPA-
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